

FROM THE FRONT

Dr. Carrel's Wife Was Only a Day Behind the Germans.

FIRST AMBULANCE OVER.

An Appeal From the Trenches For the Children and Sick in Noyon After the Retreat of the Germans From the City Recently.

In her letter of appeal for clothing and food Miss Alexis Carrel, wife of Dr. Carrel, thus describes her entrance into a city a day after it had been retaken by the British-French soldiers:

"On Sunday the news of the German retreat from Noyon reached me, and I pushed to Ribecourt, at four kilometers distance. There I found that the



MME. ALEXIS CARREL.

bridges had been blown up. Instead of lingering, I returned, as I had seen the cavalry fording the stream.

"However, on the morning of Monday, the 10th, I asked our head surgeon for an ambulance, but he refused, as he suspected my motives and did not think it necessary or sensible for me to be killed. I went then to the chauffeur and ordered the ambulance out on the road and filled it with what I found that seemed necessary and then urged the man to drive it. He answered me that we could not go unless we had the necessary permits.

"I replied that this was no time to wait for permits. In a very short time I reached the bridge which was being temporarily put up, watched the work for twenty minutes, then dashed up to this structure, and am glad to say mine was the first ambulance to cross. I joined the heavy artillery, and when shouted at by a sentinel I answered, 'Service, service,' and passed on with the artillery. We had to wait for a second bridge to be constructed and then found ourselves in Noyon, only twenty-four hours after the last Germans had moved away.

"Every woman between the ages of fourteen and thirty had been carried off by Germans nine days before the retreat began. Thus all these poor people whom we found crowded in the cellars had hideous tales to tell.

"None of the French civil population had had any meat of any kind for seventeen months. They had lived on black bread and rice. Many had died in their struggle to keep alive, and the mortality among the children had been terrible. The bodies of those who had died had been kept for five days unburied in the midst of the living.

"In the orphan asylum, in a small room, the beds were so close together that they touched, and on these beds were children who had slept without mattresses, pillows or covering since the month of December, in their clothes, unwashed, unkempt and uncared for. No words can describe their condition.

"The wounded French who were still in the hospital had not been cared for and were being slowly taken into our own hospital at Compiègne, which is twenty-three kilometers from Noyon. The men who were brought in at midnight had been reduced to the last gasp."

Oven Efficiency.
Some women find a use for both their range oven and a small removable oven at the same time. When baking cookies, set the small oven on the front of the stove and use both ovens. You will be through in a short time.

When you want to cook one kind of food slowly and another rapidly, set the small oven on at the back of the stove and use it for slow heat. Keep the range oven hot. In this way you may bake custards, apples or light bread as slowly as desired and at the same time be cooking pies or biscuits in a hot oven.

Newest Hats.
Fabrics are greatly used by the milliners, and whole hats, crowns and brims are fashioned of crepe de chine, georgette, chiffon, satin, taffeta or whatever the designer happens to fancy. Georgette and crepe de chine are perhaps more used than any of the other materials, always excepting nets and lace, and a hat entirely covered with crape and showing straw only in the facing of the wide brim is sometimes untrammelled save for a drapery and knot of the crape. Other crape covered models are flower trimmed or feather trimmed.

RIDING TOGS.

Pointers About the Spring Models For Horsewomen.

Leaving out the horse, the saddle and bridle and the riding crop—all substantial items in the equipping of Miss Debutante for her spring canter in the park—a smart outfit will cost about \$75 or \$80, this including riding habit, hat, silk riding skirt, heavy gloves and specially made riding boots. Is it any wonder that horseback riding is a sport indulged in only by the rich? Any girl who can provide herself with a sport skirt and coat and a bag of golf clubs can indulge in the fashionable game of golf if she lives within trolley distance of a public golf course. Roads or bridle paths are free to anybody, but only the few can afford to use them. Riding is a sport which demands the utmost of conventionality in its equipment. Everything about the riding costume must be flawlessly correct and in accordance with the canons of good form. There is no prettier sight on a spring day than a pretty girl riding down the leafy bridle path under budding spring trees, but there is no doubt about it, she does represent a deal of money.

For spring there are coat and breeches riding habits of Oxford waterproofed cloth or of checked worsted, the breeches re-enforced with buckskin and cha-mois, the coat partly rubber faced. Such a suit costs about \$40, bought ready made. One may pay up to \$100 for a custom made suit. The riding sailor of fine straw, in black or dark green, costs about \$4; heavy riding gloves about \$2. For a smartly made silk riding skirt one must give \$6. Riding boots of fine leather, stiff in the leg, supple over the foot, cost \$15. One may economize a bit hereby wearing puttees, costing about \$4, over one's ordinary laced sport shoes, but of course the riding boots are most desirable and lend not a little of its complete perfection to the costume.

SEE THIS TRAVELER.

For Your Summer Vacation You Need This Outfit.

Beige taffeta makes the smartest kind of a tailored suit, especially when it is elaborately stitched with heavy



MODISH EFFECT.

silk of the same shade, revers, peplum and cuffs. The turban is one of the ever fashionables, crisp green foliage and a splash of flowers in color.

Hand Work on Blouses.
Hand made blouses were never more in demand, and a particularly chic example shows an original shoulder yoke continued in side pieces, which, reaching to the waist, give a certain shape-ness to the whole and at the same time allows for a seam arranged in pretty openwork fashion and so adding considerably to the decorative of the garment. Narrow front pieces, little more than strips indeed, secured with buttons and buttonholes down the center, are again added, the material between them and the yoke side piece—if the term may be pardoned—being slightly gathered to the shoulder yoke, where again the openwork seam is arranged, as on the juncture of the somewhat deep cuff on the ample bishop sleeve.

For a Rainy Afternoon.

When the day is rainy and the kiddies are peevish and you have exhausted all your ways of entertaining them pull out the sewing machine, unthread the needle and remove the bobbin. Then let the youngsters take turns at making weird designs on thin paper. Fold a square of paper diagonally once and then again a third time. Then, placing the point of the triangle under the needle, let the youngster guide the needle haphazard about the triangle. When unfolded it will be found that the square is filled with a beautiful, symmetrical design. Care should be taken that the needle is not allowed to run into the too eager little fingers.

FOR YOUNG FOLKS

Sleepy Time Story About a Well Known Field Creature.

ITS BIRTH AND TRAGIC END.

Green Coated Youngster Had a Narrow Escape When He First Emerged Into the World—How He Changed His Clothes—About Mrs. Catbird.

Tonight, said Uncle Ben to Little Ned and Polly Ann, I will tell you the story of—

GRASSHOPPER GREEN.

Grasshopper Green began his life down in the ground. Early one summer he crawled out of the dark hole in which his mother had left the egg from which he came and hopped to the first stalk of grass he saw.

It wasn't a bit too soon, for a sharp eyed robin was watching the hole and would have whisked him up to the nest and fed him to one of his hungry nestlings. That is what had happened to every one of the little brothers and sisters who had come out of the hole before Grasshopper Green. The reason Mr. Robin missed Grasshopper Green was because he happened just then to spy a fat caterpillar which would make a much more appetizing meal. So he let the young grasshopper go and took the caterpillar instead.

"You'd best be careful, young sir," warned Mrs. Cricket, who was hiding near by. "Hop under here or that robin will have you next."

The little fellow stayed under the leaf until Mr. Robin went elsewhere. Then he skipped out and made off as fast as he could.

As yet he had no wings and could only hop about. In a short time, however, he had grown so much that his skin split and through the hole in his back could be seen the little green wings which would help him to get out of the way of the hungry birds that are looking for nice fat insects.

When Grasshopper Green had wriggled his way out of the skin and stood fanning his wings in the sunshine he found out something odd. By rubbing the right wing over the left one he could make what seemed to him very delightful music. Like the locust and the crickets, his cousins, he carried a violin on his back.

So pleased was he that he now sat squee-squeeing away, forgetting to keep an eye open for enemies. In the bushes beside him a catbird had her nest.

"What's that?" Mrs. Catbird exclaimed as she propped her head on one side.

"Sounds like a grasshopper," she chuckled. Then, very quietly, she poked her head out of the bushes. There sat Mr. Grasshopper Green on top of a grass blade, sawing away at his little violin.

With a bound Mrs. Catbird had the grasshopper.

"He tastes a good deal better than he sounds," Mrs. Catbird remarked as she hopped back into her bush.

Big Men in Boy Scouts.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Major General Leonard Wood, the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, the chief of staff of the United States army—these men, seriously concerned with the proper preparation of our boys for their full duty as citizens, are officers of the Boy Scouts of America.

A Busy Little Girl.

The industrious little miss in the picture is a patriot and is determined to do all she can to help Uncle Sam in the war. She is learning to use needle



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and thread, with the idea that when she becomes sufficiently skillful she will be able to help mamma in Red Cross work. A very good example that other girls might follow.

Good Manners.

Two little bolts that will unlock To any one who stops to knock; The bolts are these: "I thank you, sir," And "If you please."

—Philadelphia Record.

SERGE FROCK.

How One Serviceable Gown Is Designed For Youth.



NEW MODEL.

Navy serge is here shirred on to a top, the plaits of which feign a bolero jacket. Gray beads pick out girdle and cuffs, while the high collar and pockets are contrasted with gray tussore silk. Gray and blue are a favorite combination.

ECONOMY POINTS.

Simple Ways of Doing Common Things Best.

A satisfactory way of fixing hangers to light weight dresses or blouses is to crochet them on. Insert the crochet hook into the cloth on the inner seam of the sleeve and make a chain stitch of the desired length, then fasten like a loop.

Children's sleeves often have to be lengthened, and the best way to provide for this is in the cuffs. Cut the cuffs about one-third wider than wanted, then stitch one side to the sleeve and sew sleeve and cuff seam together before sewing the other side of cuff to sleeve. Turn sleeve wrong side out and turn the extra width of the cuff in and whip to sleeve. When the sleeve is to be lengthened it is an easy matter to take out the whipping stitches, let down the cuff and whip it into place again.

When sewing on hooks and eyes pin a tape measure where the hooks are to go and sew the hooks an inch apart. Then pin the tape measure on the opposite side and sew on the eyes. You will find that in this manner you can do the work much quicker and it is less wearisome than measuring each one.

Gathering or shirring by hand is tedious, and the work can be done with more ease on the sewing machine. Simply lengthen the stitch and hold the top thread between thumb and forefinger and sew as usual. The tightness of the top thread will gauge the fullness of your gathers.

From your old blankets you may be able to cut enough to make a baby blanket. Bind the edges with white satin feather stitched in place and if the blanket warrants it embroider a dainty wreath with baby's initial in the center.

Beauty Hints.

When the eyes are very tired bathe them with hot water and drop a few drops of diluted boric acid in the eyes with an eye dropper. Use ten or fifteen drops of the acid to one ounce of distilled water.

The habit of raising the brows continually will also tend to produce wrinkles, more quickly than the passing years. Before combing your hair place long, narrow strips of court plaster just above the center of the eyebrows and reaching halfway to the hair line. Every time you raise your brows this will be a silent reminder, and soon you will learn to know when you use those muscles that you know work unconsciously, and this will soon break you of the habit. Wear the plasters whenever you can until broken of the habit.

Purple Hats.

You can have a big hat of very dark purple straw faced in delicate pink, its crown entirely covered by violets with a simple pink camellia nestling among the violets near the front, or your purple hat may have grapes in rose and gray and green and dull blue clustered in wreath fashion around its crown top, or may have cerise roses harmonizing with its purple.

There are much orchid and mauve, as well as purple, in the summer millinery, often with soft old blue in combination, a color scheme very charming if successfully handled and quite hopeless when it goes wrong.

CLIMBING GARDENS

Crawlers Must Be Made to Get Off the Earth.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR VINES.

An Expert Gives Home Gardeners Advice About Caring For Squashes and Plants That Naturally Trail—Soy Beans as a Substitute For Meats.

[From National Emergency Food Garden Commission.]

As usually grown cucumbers are planted in hills four or six feet apart and allowed to spread out along the ground. But in small gardens cucumbers should not be grown unless they are to be trained upon poles or trellises.

When they are trained to climb the vines may be fifteen or eighteen inches apart. A useful method is to plant them on the south side of the garden fence so that the vines may grow up on strings to the top of the fence. In training the vines tie them with soft cotton yarn, and if large, slicing cucumbers are grown it may be necessary to support the fruit with loops of tape.

Since cucumbers thrive in rich soil a suggested method is to plant them around a leaky barrel, training them up the sides. In the barrel should be placed two bushels of manure, and water should be frequently poured in the barrel. Leaking out, it will fertilize the plants round the bottom.

Cucumbers may be planted up to July.

Summer squashes are bushy and need less space than the winter variety. When the vines are allowed to run along the ground they may be planted in hills four feet apart, whereas the hills of winter vines should be planted eight to ten feet apart.

Three or four squash vines will supply a family. When vines are allowed to run it is well to throw a spadeful of earth over each vine every three or four feet at a leaf joint. Where it is thus covered it will put out roots, offsetting any injury to the vine nearer the main root.

Inasmuch as it is not safe to set out eggplant in the garden much before the middle of June and because the plant requires a long growing season, the seeds should be sown indoors. One-third of an ounce of seed will produce enough plants to make a row 100 feet long. These seeds are usually sown thickly in rows in the seed boxes, and when the plants are large enough to handle they are transplanted to flower pots filled with rich soil.

From Japan, home of some of the most intensive farming the world ever saw, comes the soy bean. Imported first as a crop to build up the fertility of American soil, it is now claiming a place in the American diet.

Soy beans will not grow well in soil where they have never grown before unless that soil is impregnated with certain microscopical germs which the roots must have—that is, for soy beans the soil must be inoculated. This is simple. All that is needed is to get a little soy bean culture or some soil which has produced soy beans. This culture is sold by seedsmen. It is cheap, and a handful is enough for a bean patch.

SCHOOL GOWN.

What Betty Wears to Work and Play In Summer Time.

For small girls is this interesting dress made of apple green gingham. Both kangaroo pockets are smocked



JUST RIGHT.

with white linen, and the bolero top reaches around under the arms in tabs that button in the back. Please note how a white pique collar and black ribbon tie set off the gingham.

BEAUTIFUL LINES.

The Kind of Evening Gown That Appeals to You.



THIS CLASSIC.

Fashioned on long straight lines is this charming frock for formal occasions made of turquoise blue velvet, front paneled with silver sequins. The veiling about the neck and shoulders is of tulle in a matching shade of blue.

WOMAN'S WORK.

What She May Do to Help on the National Struggle.

What can "she" do? How did Eve spend her time while Adam was hunting dragons? How did Calpurnia help when Julius Caesar was practicing frightfulness on the Gauls? What aid did Mrs. Grant give while the general was fighting the Virginia campaign? What have heroic women always done when the war cloud descended upon their country and their men took up spear or crossbow or rifle? Just the same thing that the women of America are to do during the continuance of this tremendous war.

"She" can keep the family going. The profession of most women is home-keeping, and there is no lessening of demand for competent mothers and sisters and aunts and sweethearts to feed the hungry, bring up the children and strengthen the hearts of the faint. Every country that goes into a real war fights on the base line of the home, from which aid, comfort and love flow without cessation to the men in the trenches. The great work of the home, which is the preservation of civilization, must go on, war or no war. If the father is where he cannot take part, the mother must shoulder care.

"She" can take a part in the industrial life of the country which will set hundreds of thousands of men free for the hard campaigning which they alone can perform. She has long been a work-woman in a factory, a saleswoman, a stenographer, a bookkeeper, a business woman—all those things she will keep on doing, and she will add innumerable tasks that are waiting for women to perform. In the great organization of the industrial forces of the country she will give indispensable help. The war cannot be successfully fought without her. New opportunities will open up to her as telegrapher, department clerk or confidential secretary. She will have the most glorious opportunity in the history of womanhood to share in the constructive work of war.

"She" is wanted as an actual sharer in warlike operations. She will furnish the nurses, the experts in cooking, the storekeepers, the accountants, the searchers for lost soldiers, the aids to the convalescent. She will offer to many a poor wounded fellow that touch of home and humanity which will coax him back to life. She will furnish courage to her man on the firing line and to some other girl's man in the hospital.

"She" will nerve the nation up to its work. She will hold the patriotic meetings and organize the women of her city or of her hamlet to work together for the common need. She will be brave in defeat, she will urge on after victory. She may be depended upon, whether maid, wife or widow, to bear her equal share of the sacrifices and sufferings, of the joys and triumphs of the national struggle.

New Ribbons.

Bold effects confront one from the ribbon counters nowadays. The latest in ribbon fancies show vivid plaids and unusual color combinations in stripes. The reason for such is evident when the number of sports styles is taken into consideration. One could never use a dainty flowered or figured ribbon for a sports girdle, tie or vest, but these huge plaids and striking stripes are just the thing for the bright sports suit or dress of solid color. Some of the ribbons even go so far as to combine stripes, checks and plaids in one pattern.